

May 24, 2007

**KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A Local public hearing was held at the Knox County Middle School on April 26, 2007, at 3:30 P.M. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Knox County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 14-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 3-2 to approve the new plan.

There were (42) individuals in attendance. Walter T. Hulett, Superintendent, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Parents, teachers, board of education members and community leaders were present.

COMMENTS

David Cole, moderator, called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **Girdler Elementary Renovation, KERA Strand White Board Initiative, a new elementary school, Area Technology Center and site work and paving upgrades.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Those who requested to address the Hearing officer were concerned with how other schools were receiving funds for either a new school or renovations, which over the years Dewitt Elementary had been passed over when its needs were more severe than the schools being renovated or replaced. Those present wanted some assurance that they would not be closed and merged with another school but receive the new school listed in the plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Knox County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Knox County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Knox County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Walter T. Hulett, Superintendent

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Fac. Mgmt.

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director
Planning File

Attachments: Local/State Board Public Hearing Agenda
Knox County School District Facility Plan